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**Prior Application:** 

Art Unit: 2761

Examiner: Frantzy Poinvil

SIR: This is a request for filing a

- Continuation □ Continuation-in-Part □ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/911,641 filed August 15, 1997, of C. Scott Weber for SYSTEM FOR THE RADIO TRANSMISSION OF REAL-TIME AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION.
- 1. Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/911,641 as originally filed on August 15, 1997.
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  Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
- 3. Cancel Claims 1-7, and 11.
- 4. 

  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

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Basic Application Filing Fee			690.00	\$	690.00		
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- 6. A check in the amount of \$690.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
- 8. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/911,641 filed August 15, 1997, of C. Scott Weber for SYSTEM FOR THE RADIO TRANSMISSION OF REAL-TIME AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION, and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/038,884, filed February 20, 1997, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

9. 🗆	New formal drawings are enclosed.		
10.	The prior application is assigned of record to: The SABRE Group, Inc.		
11. 🗆	Priority of application Serial No, filed on in (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy		
	□ is enclosed or □ is on file in the prior application.		

12. □ A verified statement claiming small entity status

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- Also enclosed is an Amendment to the parent application and a petition for extension of time to file the parent application Amendment and this Continuation Application.

<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION</u>. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 08/911,641 filed August 15, 1997, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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## CONVERSION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 60/038,884 ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:1000-2066

# <sup>5</sup> SYSTEM FOR THE RADIO TRANSMISSION OF REAL-TIME AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION

# TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an improved information delivery system and, more specifically, to an architecture and network that allows real time digital signals to be stored, retrieved and converted to an audio signal for radio transmission to achieve the nearly instantaneous transmission of real-time data.

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#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Without limiting the scope of the invention, the present invention relates to a network for gathering data and translating the data into a user-friendly format for transmission over a user-friendly medium. In such networks, emphasis is heavily placed on the accuracy of the information, the timeliness in the delivery of the information and the mode of the delivery of the information.

In the field pertaining to this invention, the transmitted data is airline flight arrival and departure information. In the history of scheduled passenger air transportation, it has always been a goal to get flight arrival and departure information to the public in as an efficient method as possible. In the beginning days of scheduled passenger flight, this information was generally delivered by voice and written word. Passengers would call or, if at the airport, ask an agent of the airline the time of departure or arrival of a particular flight. The information would be available either by the spoken word or a sign located within the confines of an airport.

Since that time and continuing to today, the passenger still gets the information the same way. Through the spoken word or through the written word. What has changed tremendously is the way the information is gathered and distributed. In the early days, the scheduling information was set by the airline and then distributed in schedule books.

This prior system did not address scheduling changes that occurred after the schedule book was printed. Changes could occur for any number of reasons, including delays due to weather, mechanical problems or because of changes in an airline's overall flight system.

The passengers would not be made aware of these changes until they entered the airport.

The duty to inform the passengers fell to the agent at the airport. Overall, the prior manual

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system was a very inefficient system.

As time went on, technology began to introduce changes in the way information was gathered and distributed. With the advent of the Semi-Automated Business Research Environment (SABRE), airlines began to have a tool at their disposal that allowed them to gather information more efficiently. Today, SABRE, a computerized reservation service (CRS), and other CRS', such as Covia, Worldspan and Apollo, collect and disburse information regarding not only passenger reservation information but also flight information. These CRS' enable information to be more timely disbursed over a wide geographic area almost instantaneously. Today that geographic area includes the entire world.

Today's methods of conveying the scheduled flight information to passengers, include automated telephone flight information services, e-mail, facsimile, use of television screens at airports along with public address systems at individual gates. There are video monitors placed inside the airport structures. Airports also have public address systems that are used to announce the most timely of information, flight cancellations, gate changes, explanations for other nonscheduled events. Large signs have been erected at some airports that provide flight information to people entering the airports. These signs have diminished value during inclement weather because visibility is poor, making it difficult for the visiting airport person to read.

Accordingly, today there are various overlays of ways flight information is delivered to the airport visitor.

In the case of various large airports where there may be more than one airport terminal, an improved system for providing flight information prior to entering the airport facilities is needed.

The instant invention gathers flight information from a variety of sources, both human and computer, and converts it to a user-friendly audio signal, then transmits it to the airport visitor's automobile via radio frequencies for reception in the airport visitor's automobile. In this way, real-time information is delivered timely, accurately and in a user-friendly medium. Radio reception is not affected by weather conditions except in the most extreme of conditions.

Therefore, the airport visitor has the information needed to determine where they need to go to either take or meet a flight. The radio signal is strong enough that it will reach the airport visitor's automobile prior to arriving at the airport in most instances, further providing ease of use.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is an improved flight information collection and delivery system that provides real-time information in a user-friendly format. The invention offers the advantage of delivering real-time information to the airport visitor prior to entering the airport terminal in a way that is timely, accurate and largely independent of environmental factors.

It is a primary advantage of the present invention to provide real-time flight information to airport visitors. This is accomplished by connecting input from a variety of sources to a virtual network. As information is gathered about a specific flight, it is fed through a network to a computerized network. The information may include expected time of arrival, departure times, flight number, gate information, etc. The computer network is a computerized reservation system (CRS). The flight information is gathered by the CRS as part of its normal operations. It is converted into a computer language that allows it to be processed by the computer and then used to do a variety of functions, including scheduling flights, assigning crews, keeping updated information on weather, etc.

The present invention takes this raw data in its computer language form and retrieves arrival and departure information. It should be noted that this information is the most current and comprehensive information that can be obtained about a particular flight. This information is taken from the CRS and stored on a file server. A personal computer, p.c., then accesses the file server on a periodic basis. It takes the information, retrieves and transmits it to a second p.c. that converts the computer language into a form that permits audio reception on radios. The signal is broadcast via a radio transmitter to the airport visitor. In this way, the airport visitor receives the most current information in a convenient and timely manner.

Another advantage of this invention is that the system will reboot itself, without human intervention and the reboot will be virtually invisible to the ultimate user. By utilizing a particular memory location and placing a bit where one was not before, the system will automatically recognize when the bit is missing. The bite will be missing when the system is not receiving information from the data storage on the file server. Monitoring the location is a background task. The background task will read that that location is empty and force a hard reading.

For a more complete understanding of the present invention, including its features and advantages, reference is now made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

# BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a high level block diagram of a network according to one aspect of this invention;

Figure 2 is a high level block diagram of the equipment that receives the data through to the transmission; and

Figure 3 is a high level block flow chart of the steps the system undertakes to present the information.

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#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the following detailed description, a user shall mean and encompass a single user, a plurality of users or anyone of a plurality of users. The word "user" shall be used to mean anyone using an airport facility. Also, a node shall be understood to mean an entry point into a network, a network element, server or other designated point of access. Other similar connotations shall be obvious to those skilled in the art upon reference to this disclosure.

In Figure 1, the flight information network is shown and generally denoted as 5. Flight information network 5 is a network connected to a variety of flight information sources. The information enters through various nodes. The nodes consist of output monitors 10, printers 15, computerized reservation system (CRS) 20, and a file server 25 having a database 30. The output monitors 10 are used to output information regarding flight arrivals and departures at various locations from around the world. The flight information is sent to CRS 20 from various sources where it is stored and then transmitted out to the nodes. This information is received at an airport local area network LAN 35.

The information stored in the CRS 20 is delivered to the airport LAN 35 where it is then disbursed to various nodes. These nodes may include the monitors 10, the printers 15 and other output devices.

The present invention is a part of, and accesses, the LAN 35 to retrieve the information it needs to broadcast to the airport visitor. As previously mentioned, the LAN 35 also has a database 30 as part of a file server 25. The database 30 also captures the flight information received from the CRS 20 and culls it out from the other information. The information is held here until it is called up by personal computer 45. It is the role of personal computer 45 to

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receive flight information from the file server 25. Personal computer 45 takes the information retrieved from the file server 25 and converts it to an audio wave file. In the present invention, this is a typical audio wave file as developed by Microsoft. In this process, the soundblaster is initialized. The core of this function is called playwave. It first initializes the soundblaster. Then in the next step it allocates memory to receive the header information. It checks to make sure the digital signal processor is present and functioning properly. The playwave function calls all subsequent functions to the header file to read the wave. The timing loop is also set during this time. The time is set in the file server 25 from input from the CRS 20.

In Figure 2, a high level block diagram of the equipment that receives the data is shown. Personal computer 45 is configured with a digital signal processor, DSP, which is 100% soundblaster compatible 16, version 4.0 or greater, with a 16 bit DMA access. Such a DSP is manufactured by Creative Labs. It is available royalty free over the Internet and needs slight customization for use with the invention. The necessary modifications are obvious to one skilled in the art.

The database 30 has a spelling disk 50 associated with it. Each airport has a separate and distinct city code associated with it. For example, the airport located between Dallas and Fort Worth is identified by the city code DFW. The city code of the airport at Fresno is FAT. The city code for Chicago's O'HARE field is ORD. Accordingly, one of the things the program must do is to translate the airport name from the city code into an audio wave file the name of the city that is recognizable to the user.

To do this a spelling disk 50 is associated with the local personal computer 45. The spelling disk uses a routine that automatically translates from city code to user language. A

separate routine is required for this because the system needs to be able to differentiate between similar city names. For example, when the city San Jose is mentioned, one needs to know if this is San Jose, California or San Jose, Costa Rica. Another example would be Monterrey, California and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

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The same logistics encountered with the real time automated voice response system for flight information occurs here with this system. A person having ordinary skill in the art would be familiar with the work necessary to handle all the nuances that are associated with changing city codes to audible city names. Listed below is the table that is used to convert city code to audible city names.

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The CRS 20 retrieves, stores and dispatches information about every matter concerning a flight. This information includes all take offs and landings. They are reported through the CRS 20 and then the information is dispensed throughout the system. The flight information is retrieved and stored into a database 30. This information is, in turn, be called up for use by the file server 25 in response to periodic requests from personal computer 45.

Because a large amount of information is received from the CRS 20, other information above and beyond arrival and departure times may also be retrieved. These enhancements would include other airline information. For example, the present invention may be used to identify not only the flight arrival time, but also the airline for which the craft is flying.

In another embodiment the present invention may have a continuous loop that periodically repeats the identity of the airline for whom the flight information is being provided.

All of this information is fed into the personal computer 45 where, as stated previously, a wave file is called up to translate the information from machine language into a user-friendly format.

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From the personal computer 45, the information is transmitted to an audio plug 55. The audio plug 55 goes directly to a regular telephone circuit 60. The audio plug connects personal computer 45 with the airport network. The circuit may be a dedicated line or part of a vertical

network. In the preferred embodiment, it is a part of a dedicated line.

The telephone circuit goes out to an airport LAN 63 shown at Figure 2. The airport LAN 63 includes a radio transmitter 65 located at the airport. In the preferred embodiment the radio transmitter is a 60 watt transmitter with a broadcast radius of 10 miles. The broadcast is received on a user's radio and the user then audibly hears pertinent information regarding flight arrival and departure.

Figure 3 is a high level flow chart showing the steps of the software program. In general, the program first loads the software configuration. Then it looks for and connects to the network. From the network, the software locates the file server and transfers flight information into half of a buffer. At the same time, it initializes the soundblaster and wave files and DMA. Next, it sets up the wave file and DSP. The information is then converted to an audio format and then sent to the airport LAN 63 to be sent to an equalizer 70. From the equalizer 70, the information is sent to a transmitter 65 and from there out through airport antennaes 75.

A copy of the source code follows. It is an embodiment of the invention but the invention should not be limited to this code. It is provided as an example.

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       #include <dos.h>
       #include <memory.h>
#include <stdio.h>
       #include <stdlib.h>
      #define DMA_BUF_SIZE 8192
      #define DMA8_FF_REG 0xC
      #define DMA8_MASK_REG 0xA
      #define DMA8_MODE_REG 0xB
      #define DMA16_FF_REG 0xD8
      #define DMA16_MASK_REG_0xD4
      #define DMA16_MODE_REG 0xD6
20
      #define DMA0_ADDR
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#define DMA0\_COUNT

1

- #define DMA0\_PAGE 0x87
- #define DMA1\_ADDR 2
- #define DMA1\_COUNT 3
- #define DMA1\_PAGE 0x83
- 5 #define DMA3 ADDR 6
  - #define DMA3\_COUNT 7
  - #define DMA3 PAGE 0x82
  - #define DMA5\_ADDR 0xC4
  - #define DMA5 COUNT 0xC6
  - #define DMA5 PAGE 0x8B
  - #define DMA6 ADDR 0xC8
  - #define DMA6\_COUNT 0xCA
  - #define DMA6\_PAGE 0x89
  - #define DMA7 ADDR 0xCC
  - #define DMA7\_COUNT 0xCE
  - #define DMA7 PAGE 0x8A
  - #define DSP\_BLOCK\_SIZE 0x0048
  - #define DSP\_DATA\_AVAIL 0xE
- 20 #define DSP\_HALT\_SINGLE\_CYCLE\_DMA 0x00D0
  - #define DSP\_READ\_PORT 0xA
  - #define DSP\_READY 0xAA

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#define DSP\_RESET 0x6 #define DSP\_TIME\_CONSTANT 0x0040 #define DSP\_WRITE PORT 0xC #define DSP\_VERSION 0xE1 5 #define AUTO\_INIT #define FAIL 0 #define FALSE 0 #define MASTER\_VOLUME 0x22 #define MIC VOLUME 0x0A#define MIXER\_ADDR 0x4 #define MIXER\_DATA 0x5#define MONO 0 #define PIC\_END\_OF\_INT 0x20 #define PIC\_MASK 0x21 #define PIC\_MODE 0x20 #define SUCCESS #define SINGLE\_CYCLE 0 #define STEREO 1 20 #define TRUE 1 #define VOICE\_VOLUME 0x04

```
struct WAVEHDR{
          char
                     format[4];
                                // RIFF
          unsigned long f len;
                                   // filelength
                    wave_fmt[8]; // WAVEfmt
          char
 5
         unsigned long fmt_len; // format lenght
         unsigned short fmt_tag; // format Tag
         unsigned short channel; // Mono/Stereo
         unsigned long samples_per_sec;
         unsigned long avg_bytes_per_sec;
         unsigned short blk align;
         unsigned short bits per sample;
         char
                    data[4];
                               // data
         unsigned long data_len; // data size
         } wavehdr;
       /*----- FUNCTION PROTOTYPES -----
20
       ----*/
       char
                 GetBlasterEnv(int *, int *, int *),
               InitDMADSP(unsigned long, int, int),
```

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unsigned int FillHalfOfBuffer(int *, FILE *, unsigned char
       *);
 5
       unsigned long AllocateDMABuffer(unsigned char **),
               OnSamePage(unsigned char *);
       void
                 Play(unsigned int, char),
               DSPOut(int, int),
             Fill_play_buf(unsigned char *, int *, FILE *),
               SetMixer(void);
       void interrupt DMAOutputISR(void); // Interrupt Service
       Routine
       int
               Chk_hdr(FILE *);
       ----*/
20
       /*---- GLOBAL DECLARATIONS -----
       */
```

ResetDSP(int);

```
*/
       char gBufNowPlaying,
          gEndOfFile,
5
          gLastBufferDonePlaying,
                   // indicates MONO or STEREO
          Mode,
          g16BitDMA;
       int Base,
          DSP_Ver;
       char SecondToLastBufferPlayed;
       unsigned long gNoOfBytesLeftInFile;
       void (_interrupt _far *IRQSave)();
        unsigned char *DMABuffer;
        unsigned int BytesLeftToPlay;
        unsigned long BufPhysAddr;
20
       int DMAChan8Bit,
          DMAChan16Bit,
```

### IRQNumber;

```
int init_sb_stuff(void) {
 5
        int RetValue;
        BufPhysAddr = AllocateDMABuffer(&DMABuffer);
        if (BufPhysAddr == FAIL)
        {
         puts("DMA Buffer allocation failed!--PROGRAM ABORTED");
exit(0);
        }
        RetValue = GetBlasterEnv(&DMAChan8Bit, &DMAChan16Bit,
       &IRQNumber);
        if (RetValue == FAIL)
        {
         puts("BLASTER env. string or parameter(s) missing--
      PROGRAM ABORTED!");
         free(DMABuffer);
         exit(0);
20
        }
```

```
if(ResetDSP(Base) = FAIL)
        {
         puts("Unable to reset DSP chip--PROGRAM TERMINATED!");
         free(DMABuffer);
 5
         exit(0);
        }
       return 0;
       }
int sb_close(void) {
       free(DMABuffer);
      return 0;
       }
      /*--- BEGIN main() -----
      int playwav(char *filename) {
20
       FILE *FileToPlay;
```

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```
int BufToFill, IRQMask, MaskSave;
       // unsigned long gNoOfBytesLeftInFile;
         SecondToLastBufferPlayed = FALSE;
 5
         gBufNowPlaying = gEndOfFile =
            gLastBufferDonePlaying = Mode = g16BitDMA = 0;
        /*--- OPEN FILE TO BE PLAYED -----
       --*/
       --*/
          if ((FileToPlay = fopen(filename, "rb")) == NULL)
       return -1;
       /*--- VERIFY FILE IS .WAV FORMAT-----
       -*/
       -*/
       if(Chk_hdr(FileToPlay)) {
         printf("Header check error - PROGRAM ABORTED");
20
         return -1;
          }
```

```
Mode = (wavehdr.channel == 1)? MONO: STEREO;
        /*--- PRINT OUT INFO -----
 5
        printf(" DMA Buffer Address = %4x:%-4x (SEG:OFF)
       (hex)\n",
         FP_SEG(DMABuffer), FP_OFF(DMABuffer));
        printf(" DMA Buffer Phys. Addr. = %-7lu (decimal)\n",
BufPhysAddr);
        printf(" 8-bit DMA channel = %-5d
       (decimal)\n", DMAChan8Bit);
        printf(" 16-bit DMA channel = %-5d
       (decimal)\n", DMAChan16Bit);
15
       printf(" I/O port address = \%-3x (hex)\n",
       Base);
        printf(" IRQ number
                                =\%-2d
       (decimal)\n\n", IRQNumber);
       ***/
20
        if((DSP_Ver < 4) && (wavehdr.bits per sample == 16)) {
```

```
fclose(FileToPlay);
         return -1;
        }
 5
       IRQSave = _dos_getvect((unsigned)(IRQNumber + 8));
        _dos_setvect(IRQNumber + 8, DMAOutputISR);
       /*--- SAVE CURRENT INTERRUPT MASK AND SET NEW INTERRUPT
MASK ----*/
       ----*/
       MaskSave = inp((int) PIC_MASK);
       IRQMask = ((int) 1 << IRQNumber); // Shift a 1 left
15
      IRQNumber of bits
       outp(PIC_MASK, (MaskSave & ~IRQMask)); // Enable previous
      AND new interrupts
       /*--- PROGRAM THE DMA, DSP CHIPS -----
20
```

```
if (InitDMADSP(BufPhysAddr, DMAChan8Bit, DMAChan16Bit) =
       FAIL) {
         puts("InitDMADSP() fails--PROGRAM ABORTED!");
         fclose(FileToPlay);
 5
         exit(0);
        }
        /*--- FILL THE FIRST 1/2 OF DMA BUFFER BEFORE PLAYING
       BEGINS ----*/
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       ----*/
        BufToFill = 0; // Altered by
       FillHalfOfBuffer()
        gEndOfFile
                          = FALSE; // Altered by
15
       FillHalfOfBuffer()
        gBufNowPlaying = 0; // Altered by ISR
        gLastBufferDonePlaying = FALSE; // Set in ISR
        gNoOfBytesLeftInFile = wavehdr.data len;
        SetMixer();
20
        BytesLeftToPlay = FillHalfOfBuffer(&BufToFill, FileToPlay,
       DMABuffer);
```

halt DMA

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```

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int Chk_hdr(FILE * FileToPlay)
        {
         char * dummy[80]; =
 5
         memset (&wavehdr,0,sizeof(wavehdr)); //init to 0
         fread(&wavehdr, 44, 1, FileToPlay); // Get file type
        description.
         if (memcmp(wavehdr.format, "RIFF", 4)) return -1;
if (memcmp(wavehdr.wave fmt, "WAVEfmt", 8)) return -1;
         if (!((wavehdr.channel = 1) || (wavehdr.channel = 2)))
        return -1;
         if (memcmp(wavehdr.data, "data", 4)) {
          if (memcmp(wavehdr.data, "fact", 4)) return -1;
          while(wavehdr.data len) {
           fread(dummy,(int) (wavehdr.data_len%80), 1,
        FileToPlay); // Get file type description.
           wavehdr.data_len -= wavehdr.data_len%80;
20
          }
          fread(wavehdr.data, 8, 1, FileToPlay);
          if (memcmp(wavehdr.data, "data", 4)) return -1;
```

```
}
        return 0;
       } /* chk_hdr() */
 5
       * FUNCTION: Play()
       * DESCRIPTION: Sets up playing of the wave file depending
       on number
             of bits per sample, MONO/STEREO and DMAMode
       void Play(unsigned int BytesLeftToPlay, char DMAMode)
       {
20
```

/\*--- IF BytesLeftToPlay IS 0 OR 1, MAKE SURE THAT WHEN

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DSPOut() IS ---*/
        /*--- CALLED, THE COUNT DOESN'T WRAP AROUND TO A + NUMBER
       WHEN 1 IS ---*/
        /* SUBTRACTED! -----
 5
        if(BytesLeftToPlay <= 1 && g16BitDMA)
         BytesLeftToPlay = 2;
        else if (BytesLeftToPlay == 0 && !g16BitDMA)
         BytesLeftToPlay = 1;
        if(DSP_Ver < 4) // SBPro (DSP ver 3.xx)
        {
         if(wavehdr.bits per sample == 8)
         {
15=
          if (DMAMode == AUTO INIT)
          {
         DSPOut(Base, DSP_BLOCK_SIZE);
         DSPOut(Base, (int) ((BytesLeftToPlay - 1) & 0x00FF));
         DSPOut(Base, (int) ((BytesLeftToPlay - 1) >> 8));
20
         DSPOut(Base, 0x001C); // AUTO INIT 8bit PCM
          }
          else
```

```
{
          DSPOut(Base, 0x0014); // SINGLE CYCLE 8bit PCM
          DSPOut(Base, (BytesLeftToPlay - 1) & 0x00FF); // LO
       byte size
 5
          DSPOut(Base, (BytesLeftToPlay - 1) >> 8);
                                                     // HI
       byte size
          }
         }
         else if (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 16) // 16Bit
         {
          DSPOut(Base, 0x0041);
          DSPOut(Base, (int) ((wavehdr.samples per sec &
       0x0000FF00) >> 8));
          DSPOut(Base, (int) (wavehdr.samples_per_sec &
       0x000000FF));
          DSPOut(Base, (DMAMode == AUTO_INIT) ? 0x00B4 :
       0x00B0); // AUTO INIT/SINGLE
       CYCLE
          DSPOut(Base, (Mode == MONO) ? 0x0010 : 0x0030); //
20
       MONO/STEREO
          DSPOut(Base, (BytesLeftToPlay/2 - 1) & 0x00FF); //
       LO byte size
```

```
DSPOut(Base, (BytesLeftToPlay/2 - 1) >> 8);
                                                         //
       HI byte size
          }
         }
        else if(DSP Ver = 4)// SB16 (DSP ver 4.xx)
 5
         {
          DSPOut(Base, 0x0041); // DSP output transfer rate
         DSPOut(Base, (int) ((wavehdr.samples_per_sec &
       0x0000FF00) >> 8)); // Hi byte
DSPOut(Base, (int) (wavehdr.samples per sec &
       0x000000FF));
                         // Lo byte
         if (DMAMode == AUTO_INIT)
          DSPOut(Base, (wavehdr.bits per sample == 8) ? 0x00C6:
       0x00B6); // AUTO INIT 8/16 bit
          else
          DSPOut(Base, (wavehdr.bits per sample = 8) ? 0x00C0:
       0x00B0); // SINGLE CYCLE 8/16
       bit
20
         if (wavehdr.bits per sample == 8)
          DSPOut(Base, (Mode = MONO) ? 0x0000 : 0x0020); //
```

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8bit MONO/STEREO
         else
          DSPOut(Base, (Mode = MONO) ? 0x0010 : 0x0030); //
       16bit MONO/STEREO
 5
        /*--- Program number of samples to play -----
       */
         DSPOut(Base, (int)
       ((BytesLeftToPlay/(wavehdr.bits_per_sample/8) - 1) &
0x00FF)); // LO byte
         DSPOut(Base, (int)
       ((BytesLeftToPlay/(wavehdr.bits per sample/8) - 1) >> 8));
       // HI byte
        }
        return;
       }
20
```

\* FUNCTION: Fill\_play\_buf()

```
* DESCRIPTION: Keeps the DMA buffers filled with new data
       until end of
            file.
5
       **********
       void Fill play buf(unsigned char *DMABuffer, int *BufToFill,
       FILE *FileToPlay)
{
        unsigned int NumberOfAudioBytesInBuffer;
        do
        {
15
         while (*BufToFill == gBufNowPlaying); // Wait for buffer
       to finish playing
         NumberOfAudioBytesInBuffer = FillHalfOfBuffer(BufToFill,
       FileToPlay,
20
                     DMABuffer);
         if (NumberOfAudioBytesInBuffer < DMA_BUF_SIZE / 2)
          Play(NumberOfAudioBytesInBuffer, SINGLE_CYCLE);
```

```
} while (!gEndOfFile); // gEndOfFile set in
       FillHalfOfBuffer()
        while (gLastBufferDonePlaying == FALSE); // Wait until
 5
       done playing
        return;
       }
* FUNCTION: FillHalfOfBuffer()
       * DESCRIPTION: Fill each half of the DMA buffer.
       **********/
       unsigned int FillHalfOfBuffer(int *BufToFill, FILE
       *FileToPlay,
20
                 unsigned char *DMABuffer)
       {
```

```
unsigned int Count;
        if (*BufToFill == 1) // Fill top 1/2 of DMA buffer
         DMABuffer += DMA BUF SIZE / 2;
 5
        if(gNoOfBytesLeftInFile < DMA_BUF_SIZE/2)
        {
          fread (DMABuffer, (int)\ gNoOfBytesLeftInFile,\ 1,
       FileToPlay);
          Count = (int) gNoOfBytesLeftInFile;
          gNoOfBytesLeftInFile = 0;
          gEndOfFile = TRUE;
        }
        else
        {
          fread(DMABuffer, DMA_BUF_SIZE/2, 1, FileToPlay);
          Count = DMA_BUF_SIZE/2;
          gNoOfBytesLeftInFile -= DMA_BUF_SIZE/2;
        }
20
```

\*BufToFill ^= 1; // Toggle to fill other 1/2 of buffer

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next time.
        return(Count);
       }
 5
       *****
       * FUNCTION: DMAOutputISR()
* DESCRIPTION: Interrupt service routine. Every time the
       DSP chip finishes
                playing half of the DMA buffer in auto-init
       mode, an
                interrupt is generated, which invokes this
       routine.
       *********
20
       void interrupt DMAOutputISR(void)
       {
```

```
int IntStatus;
        if (g16BitDMA == TRUE)
        {
 5
          outp(Base +4, 0x82);
                                // Select interrupt status
       reg. in mixer
         IntStatus = inp(Base + 5); // Read interrupt status
       reg.
if (IntStatus & 2)
          inp(Base + 0xF); // Acknowledge interrupt (16-bit)
        }
        else
         inp(Base + (int) DSP_DATA_AVAIL); // Acknowledge
15=
       interrupt (8-bit)
        gBufNowPlaying ^= 1;
        outp(PIC_MODE, (int) PIC_END_OF_INT); // End of interrupt
20
        if (SecondToLastBufferPlayed)
         gLastBufferDonePlaying = TRUE;
```

```
if (gEndOfFile)
          SecondToLastBufferPlayed = TRUE;
         return;
 5
        }
* FUNCTION: InitDMADSP()
        * DESCRIPTION: This function reads the first data block of
        the file and
                 from it obtains information that is needed to
       program the
                 DMA and DSP chips. After reading the data
       block, the file
                pointer points to the first byte of the voice
20
       data.
```

NOTE: The DMA chip is ALWAYS programmed for

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auto-init mode
                   (command 0x58)! The DSP chip will be
       programmed for
                   auto-init or single-cycle mode
 5
       depending upon
                   conditions--see Play() for details.
       **********/
       char InitDMADSP(unsigned long BufPhysAddr, int DMAChan8Bit,
       int DMAChan16Bit)
       {
        int DMAAddr,
           DMACount,
           DMAPage,
           Offset,
           Page,
           Temp;
20
        unsigned char ByteTimeConstant;
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```
break;
         case 3:
        DMAAddr = DMA3\_ADDR;
5
        DMACount = DMA3_COUNT;
        DMAPage = DMA3_PAGE;
         break;
         default:
return(FAIL);
         }
        }
       else
        {
        g16BitDMA = TRUE; // DMA is 16-bit (not 8-bit).
         switch(DMAChan16Bit) // File is 16-bit. Program DMA 16-
      bit DMA channel
20
         {
          case 5:
         DMAAddr = DMA5\_ADDR;
```

```
DMACount = DMA5_COUNT;
        DMAPage = DMA5_PAGE;
         break;
 5
         case 6:
        DMAAddr = DMA6\_ADDR;
        DMACount = DMA6_COUNT;
        DMAPage = DMA6_PAGE;
         break;
case 7:
        DMAAddr = DMA7_ADDR;
        DMACount = DMA7_COUNT;
        DMAPage = DMA7_PAGE;
        break;
        default:
        return(FAIL);
       }
20
```

DMAChan16Bit -= 4; // Convert

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15
```

}

```
/*--- PROGRAM THE DMA CHIP -----
      */
5
      */
       Page = (int) (BufPhysAddr >> 16);
       Offset = (int) (BufPhysAddr & 0xFFFF);
       if (wavehdr.bits per sample == 8) // 8-bit file--Program 8-
      bit DMA controller
       {
        outp(DMA8_MASK_REG, (int) (DMAChan8Bit | 4)); //
      Disable DMA while prog.
        outp(DMA8_FF_REG, (int) 0);
                                              //
      Clear the flip-flop
        outp(DMA8_MODE_REG, (int) (DMAChan8Bit | 0x58)); // 8-
20
      bit auto-init
        outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA_BUF_SIZE - 1) & 0xFF)); // LO
      byte of count
```

```
outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA_BUF_SIZE - 1) >> 8)); // HI
       byte of count
        }
        else // 16-bit file--Program 16-bit DMA controller
 5
        {
         // Offset for 16-bit DMA channel must be calculated
       differently...
         // Shift Offset 1 bit right, then copy LSB of Page to
       MSB of Offset.
          Temp = Page & 0x0001; // Get LSB of Page and...
          Temp <<= 15;
                             // ...move it to MSB of Temp.
          Offset >>= 1;
                         // Divide Offset by 2
          Offset \&= 0x7FFF;
                              // Clear MSB of Offset
          Offset |= Temp;
                            // Put LSB of Page into MSB of
       Offset
         outp(DMA16_MASK_REG, (int) (DMAChan16Bit | 4)); //
       Disable DMA while prog.
                                                    //
         outp(DMA16_FF_REG, (int) 0);
20
       Clear the flip-flop
         outp(DMA16_MODE_REG, (int) (DMAChan16Bit | 0x58)); //
```

```
16-bit auto-init
         outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA BUF SIZE/2 - 1) & 0xFF)); //
       LO byte of count
         outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA BUF SIZE/2 - 1) >> 8)); //
 5
       HI byte of count
        }
        outp(DMAPage, Page);
                                       // Physical page
number
        outp(DMAAddr, (int) (Offset & 0xFF)); // LO byte address
       of buffer
        outp(DMAAddr, (int) (Offset >> 8)); // HI byte address
       of buffer
        // Done programming the DMA, enable it
        if (wavehdr.bits per sample = 8)
         outp(DMA8_MASK_REG, DMAChan8Bit);
20
        else
         outp(DMA16_MASK_REG, DMAChan16Bit);
```

```
/*--- PROGRAM_THE DSP CHIP -----
      */
5
       if(DSP_Ver < 4)
       {
        ByteTimeConstant = (unsigned char) (256 -
      1000000L/wavehdr.samples_per_sec);
        DSPOut(Base, (int) DSP_TIME_CONSTANT);
        DSPOut(Base, (int) ByteTimeConstant);
       }
       DSPOut(Base, 0x00D1); // Must turn speaker ON before
      doing D/A conv.
       return(SUCCESS);
      }
20
```

\* FUNCTION: AllocateDMABuffer()

\*

\* DESCRIPTION: Allocate memory for the DMA buffer. After memory is

\* allocated for the buffer, call OnSamePage()to verify

- \* that the entire buffer is located on the same page.
- \* If the buffer crosses a page boundary, allocate another
- \* buffer. Continue this process until the DMA buffer resides
- \* entirely within the same page.
- \* ENTRY: \*\*DMABuffer is the address of the pointer that will point to
- \* the memory allocated.

\* EXIT: If a buffer is successfully allocated, \*DMABuffer

- will point to
  - \* the buffer and the physical address of the buffer pointer will

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be returned.
            If a buffer is NOT successfully allocated, return
       FAIL.
 5
       ***********/
       unsigned long AllocateDMABuffer(unsigned char **DMABuffer)
       {
unsigned char BufferNotAllocated = TRUE,
            Done = FALSE,
            *PtrAllocated[100];
                 i,
        int
            Index = 0;
        unsigned long PhysAddress;
        do
20
        {
         *DMABuffer = (unsigned char *) malloc(DMA_BUF_SIZE);
```

```
if (*DMABuffer != NULL)
          {
           /*--- Save the ptr for every malloc() performed ---*/
           PtrAllocated[Index] = *DMABuffer;
 5
           Index++;
           /*--- If entire buffer is within one page, we're out
       of here! ---*/
           PhysAddress = OnSamePage(*DMABuffer);
if (PhysAddress != FAIL)
           {
          BufferNotAllocated = FALSE;
          Done = TRUE;
           }
          }
          else
           Done = TRUE; // malloc() couldn't supply requested
       memory
         } while (!Done);
20
```

```
if (BufferNotAllocated)
         {
                          //Incr. Index so most recent
          Index++;
        malloc() gets free()d
          PhysAddress = FAIL; // return FAIL
 5
         }
         /*--- Deallocate all memory blocks crossing a page
       boundary ---*/
for (i=0; i < Index - 1; i++)
          free(PtrAllocated[i]);
         return(PhysAddress);
        }
       * FUNCTION: OnSamePage()
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```

\* DESCRIPTION: Check the memory block pointed to by the

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EndBuffer,

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parameter
         passed to make sure the entire block of
memory is on the
         same page. If a buffer DOES cross a page
boundary,
         return FAIL. Otherwise, return the physical
address
         of the beginning of the DMA buffer.
* ENTRY: *DMABuffer - Points to beginning of DMA buffer.
* EXIT: If the buffer is located entirely within one page,
return the
     physical address of the buffer pointer. Otherwise
return FAIL.
*******
unsigned long OnSamePage(unsigned char *DMABuffer)
{
 unsigned long BegBuffer,
```

\*\*\*\*\*\*

PhysAddress;

```
/*---- Obtain the physical address of DMABuffer -----*/
        BegBuffer = ((unsigned long) (FP_SEG(DMABuffer)) << 4) +
             (unsigned long) FP_OFF(DMABuffer);
 5
        EndBuffer = BegBuffer + DMA_BUF_SIZE - 1;
        PhysAddress = BegBuffer;
        /*-- Get page numbers for start and end of DMA buffer. --
       */
        BegBuffer >>= 16;
        EndBuffer >>= 16;
        if (BegBuffer — EndBuffer)
         return(PhysAddress); // Entire buffer IS on same page!
        return(FAIL); // Entire buffer NOT on same page. Thanks
       Intel!
       }
20
```

	* FUNCTION: GetBlasterEnv()
	*
	* DESCRIPTION : Get the BLASTER environment variable and
5	search its
	* string for the DMA channel, I/O address
	port, and
	* IRQ number. Assign these values to the
sametria.	parameters passed
10	* by the caller.
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	* ENTRY: All parameters passed are pointers to integers.
AND	They will be
10 10 15 15	* assigned the values found in the environment
15	string.
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	* EXIT: If DMA channel, I/O address, and IRQ number are
	found, return
	* PASS, otherwise return FAIL.
20	*
	*
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```
char GetBlasterEnv(int *DMAChan8Bit, int *DMAChan16Bit, int
       *IRQNumber)
       {
5
        char Buffer[5],
         DMAChannelNotFound = TRUE,
           *EnvString,
         IOPortNotFound = TRUE,
         IRQNotFound
                          = TRUE,
         SaveChar;
        int digit,
         i,
         multiplier;
        EnvString = getenv("BLASTER");
        if (EnvString == NULL)
20
         return(FAIL);
        do
```

```
{
           switch(*EnvString)
           {
            case 'A': // I/O base port address found
 5
            case 'a':
           EnvString++;
           for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) // Grab the digits
           {
            Buffer[i] = *EnvString;
10
            EnvString++;
           }
           // The string is in HEX, convert it to decimal
           multiplier = 1;
15
           Base = 0;
           for (i -= 1; i >= 0; i--)
           {
            // Convert to HEX
            if (Buffer[i] >= '0' && Buffer[i] <= '9')
20
             digit = Buffer[i] - '0';
            else if (Buffer[i] >= 'A' && Buffer[i] <= 'F')
             digit = Buffer[i] - 'A' + 10;
```

```
else if (Buffer[i] \geq= 'a' && Buffer[i] \leq= 'f')
             digit = Buffer[i] - 'a' + 10;
           Base = Base + digit * multiplier;
           multiplier *= 16;
 5
          }
          IOPortNotFound = FALSE;
           break;
case 'D': // 8-bit DMA channel
            case 'd':
            case 'H': // 16-bit DMA channel
            case 'h':
          SaveChar = *EnvString;
          EnvString++;
          Buffer[0] = *EnvString;
          EnvString++;
20
          if (*EnvString >= '0' && *EnvString <= '9')
           {
```

```
Buffer[1] = *EnvString; // DMA Channel No. is 2 digits
          Buffer[2] = 0;
          EnvString++;
         }
5
         else
          Buffer[1] = 0; // DMA Channel No. is 1 digit
         if (SaveChar = 'D' || SaveChar = 'd')
          *DMAChan8Bit = atoi(Buffer); // 8-Bit DMA channel
         else
           *DMAChan16Bit = atoi(Buffer); // 16-bit DMA channel
         DMAChannelNotFound = FALSE;
           break;
           case 'I': // IRQ number
           case 'i':
         EnvString++;
         Buffer[0] = *EnvString;
         EnvString++;
20
         if (*EnvString >= '0' && *EnvString <= '9')
          {
```

```
Buffer[1] = *EnvString; // IRQ No. is 2 digits
           Buffer[2] = 0;
           EnvString++;
          }
 5
          else
                          // IRQ No. is 1 digit
           Buffer[1] = 0;
          *IRQNumber = atoi(Buffer);
IRQNotFound = FALSE;
           break;
           default:
          EnvString++;
          break;
          }
         } while (*EnvString != 0);
20
         if (DMAChannelNotFound || IOPortNotFound || IRQNotFound)
          return(FAIL);
```

```
return(SUCCESS);
       }
5
       * FUNCTION: DSPOut()
       * DESCRIPTION: Writes the value passed to this function to
the DSP chip.
       void DSPOut(int IOBasePort, int WriteValue)
       {
        // Wait until DSP is ready before writing the command
        while ((inp(IOBasePort + DSP_WRITE_PORT) & 0x80) != 0);
         outp(IOBasePort + DSP_WRITE_PORT, WriteValue);
20
         return;
        }
```

```
* FUNCTION: ResetDSP()
5
       * DESCRIPTION: Self explanatory
      char ResetDSP(int IOBasePort)
       {
        outp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET, (int) 1);
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET);
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET);
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET);
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP RESET);
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET);
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET);
20
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET);
        inp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET);
```

```
// delay(10); // wait 10 mS
       outp(IOBasePort + DSP_RESET, (int) 0);
       // Wait until data is available
       while ((inp(IOBasePort + DSP_DATA_AVAIL) & 0x80) == 0);
5
       if (inp(IOBasePort + DSP_READ_PORT) == DSP_READY)
        {
         outp(IOBasePort + DSP_WRITE_PORT, DSP_VERSION);
         while ((inp(IOBasePort + DSP_DATA_AVAIL) & 0x80) == 0);
         DSP_Ver = inp(IOBasePort + DSP_READ_PORT);
         inp(IOBasePort + DSP_READ_PORT);
        return(SUCCESS);
        return(FAIL);
       }
20
```

```
******
      * FUNCTION: SetMixer()
      * DESCRIPTION: Self explanatory
5
       ***********
      void SetMixer(void)
{
       outp(Base + MIXER_ADDR, (int) MIC_VOLUME);
       outp(Base + MIXER_DATA, (int) 0x00);
       outp(Base + MIXER_ADDR, (int) VOICE_VOLUME);
       outp(Base + MIXER_DATA, (int) 0xFF);
       outp(Base + MIXER_ADDR, (int) MASTER_VOLUME);
       outp(Base + MIXER_DATA, (int) 0xFF);
20
       return;
       }
```

```
/* FILE: File_IO.C */
       /* This file handles any access to files on the network and the local drive */
       #include <time.h>
5
       #include <sys\types.h>
       #include <sys\stat.h>
       #include <stdio.h>
        #include <io.h>
       #include <fcntl.h>
       #include <stdlib.h>
       #include <string.h>
       #include <conio.h>
       #include <dos.h>
       #include <nit.h>
        #include "sb.h"
       #include "winvista.h"
       int max_tries;
20
        int hard_flag;
        int fail_status;
```

```
void (_interrupt _far *lpfnOldISR)();
       void interrupt far MyISRFunction(unsigned int,...);
                       set error handlers()
       /* NAME:
         PROGRAMMER: Nandini Pattison - Marketing/Field Services IWS
5
         PURPOSE:
                        Determines the routine to be called when there is
                 a hardware error.
         PARAMETERS: None.
         RETURNS:
                        None
                      This routine should be called right after starting
         NOTE:
                  an application.
       */
       void set_error_handlers(void)
       {
         max_tries = 5;
         lpfnOldISR = _dos_getvect((unsigned)0x24);
                                                     // Save the old vector
         _dos_setvect(0x24, MyISRFunction); // Point the vector at my ISR
       }
20
                      release error_handlers()
       /* NAME:
         PROGRAMMER: Nandini Pattison - Marketing/Field Services IWS
```

Cleans up DOS and restores it to the state it was in PURPOSE: before we hooked the interrupt. PARAMETERS: None. RETURNS: None This routine should be called right before leaving 5 NOTE: an application. \*/ void release error handlers() { \_dos\_setvect(0x24, lpfnOldISR); // Put the old ISR back. } void \_interrupt \_far MyISRFunction /\* NAME: PROGRAMMER: Nandini Pattison - Marketing/Field Services IWS Handles hardware error problems. Retries 3 times. PURPOSE: If the problem persists, it reboots. 20 PARAMETERS: CPU registers. **RETURNS:** None This routine should not be directly called by the NOTE:

```
set hardware error().
       */
       void interrupt far MyISRFunction(_es,_ds,_di,_si,_bp,_sp,_bx,_dx,_cx,_ax)
       unsigned int _es;
5
       unsigned int _ds;
       unsigned int _di;
       unsigned int _si;
       unsigned int _bp;
       unsigned int sp;
       unsigned int _bx;
       unsigned int _dx;
       unsigned int _cx;
       unsigned int ax;
       {
         void ( _far *Post)(void);
         if(++hard flag > max_tries) {
          if (fail_status == ABORT) {
              ((void far *)Post) = (void far *)(unsigned long)0xFFFF0000;
                                            // reboot!
20
              (*Post)();
            } else ax = IGNORE;
          } else ax = RETRY;
```

application. It should only be used by the routine

}

```
5
       void startnovell()
       {
       int fp, try;
       char filename[45];
       struct nebree far *nebptr;
       char far *p;
       union _REGS inregs, outregs;
       struct _SREGS segregs;
       poll_rx = time_rx = 0;
       memset(masternamestg,0,sizeof(masternamestg));
       memset(pollstg,0,sizeof(pollstg));
       memset(netnamestg,0,sizeof(netnamestg));
       sprintf(pollstg,"POLL:%s%d.%s",cfg.cty,sab.ord,cfg.appname);
       sprintf(masternamestg,"FIDS M.%s%d",cfg.cty,sab.ord);
20
       sprintf(netnamestg,"FIDS S.%s%d",cfg.cty,sab.ord);
       p = transbuffer;
```

```
ncbptr = &ncb;
      SetNetWareErrorMode(0x01);
5
      SetLockMode(0x01);
             **********************
      set error handlers();
      /*****************
      sprintf(filename,"%s%s.%s",cfg.path,ARRIVNAME,cfg.cty);
try = 0;
      _settextposition(23,15);
      outtext("Checking Database Files...
                                      ");
      do {
       fp = open(filename,O_BINARY|O_RDONLY);
15
      if (fp < 0) sleep(1);
      \} while ( (try++ < 5) && (fp < 0));
      if (fp < 0) {
          logwrite("Could not open file", filename, 0, 0);
          abandon(0);
          }
20
      read(fp,&a header,sizeof(a_header));
      close(fp);
```

```
if (strncmp(a\_header.cty,cfg.cty,3)) \ \{\\
        logwrite("City Code Mismatch in database","",0,0);
        settextposition(23,15);
        _outtext("This Database is not the correct city\n");
        sleep(2);
5
        abandon(0);
        }
       if (a_header.version != 0x82) {
10
        logwrite("Incorrect Database Version","",0,0);
_settextposition(23,15);
        _outtext("Incorrect Database Version");
        sleep(2);
        abandon(0);
        do {
        _settextposition(23,15);
        _outtext("Netbios Communication Reset");
        memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));
        ncb.command = 0x32;
20
        inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );
        segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbptr );
```

```
_int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs);
       } while (ncb.ret);
       settextposition(23,15);
       outtext("Registering Network Name
                                               ");
5
       memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));
       ncb.command = 0x36;
       strcpy(ncb.name,netnamestg);
       inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );
       segregs.es = FP_SEG( ncbptr );
int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs);
       if (!ncb.ret) { netname = ncb.num;
        memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));
        ncb.command = 0x21 + 0x80;
        ncb.num = netname;
        ncb.len = 200;
        ncb.off = _FP_OFF(p);
        ncb.seg = _FP\_SEG(p);
        inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );
        segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbptr );
        _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs);
20
        } else
        logwrite("Network Registration", "Could not resigter name", 0,0);
```

```
}
       void stopnovell()
5
       {
       union REGS inregs, outregs;
       struct SREGS segregs;
       struct nebree far *nebptr;
struct nebree nebcancel;
       struct nebree far *nebeanptr;
       int try;
       if (ncb.cmplt) {
        do {
        _settextposition(23,15);
        _outtext("Cancel Pending Command");
        ncbcanptr = &ncbcancel;
        ncbptr = &ncb;
        memset(&ncbcancel,0,sizeof(ncbcancel));
        ncbcancel.command = 0x35;
20
        ncbcancel.off = _FP_OFF(ncbptr);
        ncbcancel.seg = _FP_SEG(ncbptr);
```

```
inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbcanptr );
         segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbcanptr );
         _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs);
         printf("Result %d",ncbcancel.ret);
 5
         } while ((ncbcancel.ret != 0) && (ncbcancel.ret != 0x24));
        }
        do {
         _settextposition(23,15);
         _outtext("Remove Netbios Network Name");
memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));
         ncb.command = 0x31;
         strcpy(ncb.name,netnamestg);
         inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );
         segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbptr );
         _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs);
        } while (ncb.ret);
        try = 0;
        do {
         _settextposition(23,15);
20
         _outtext("Netbios Communication Reset");
         memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));
         ncb.command = 0x32;
```

```
5
}
```

```
inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );
        segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbptr );
        _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs);
        try++;
       } while ((ncb.ret) \parallel (try < 10));
       if (try == 10) logwrite("Netbios Reset Error","",ncb.ret,0);
       SetNetWareErrorMode(0x00);
       SetLockMode(0x00);
       release error handlers();
       int check_semaphore(void) {
        FILE *statfp;
         struct _stat buf;
         time t curtime;
20
         curtime = time(&curtime);
         _stat( semaphore, &buf);
         /* Check the time stamp on the "download.fil" */
```

```
if (abs ((int) (buf.st_mtime - curtime)) > 360) {
          puts("semaphore file too old");
          return 0;
          }
5
        _stat( datafile, &buf);
        /* check the time stamp on the actual datafile */
        if (abs ((int) (buf.st_mtime - curtime)) > 360) {
          puts("Datafile file too old");
          return 0;
           }
         statfp = fopen(flagfile,"w");
         fputs("Hi!",statfp);
         fclose(statfp);
         return 1;
        }
        int loadcfg(void) {
20
        char buffer[80];
        FILE *fp;
```

```
char *p;
        /***
       soundline = getenv("BLASTER");
        if (soundline = NULL) puts("Blaster environment not set");
5
        */
        fp = fopen("config.cfg","r");
        if (fp = NULL) return -1;
        while (fgets(buffer,80,fp)) {
         strtok(buffer,"\n");
if (!strncmp(buffer, "PATH", 4)) strcpy(path, &buffer[5]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer, "BADDATA", 7)) strcpy(badfile, &buffer[8]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer, "DATAFILE", 8)) strcpy(dataname, &buffer[9]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer,"FLAGFILE",8)) strcpy(flag,&buffer[9]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer, "SAYTIME:ON", 10)) saytime = 1;
         if (!strncmp(buffer,"CTYWAV",6)) strcpy(ctypath,&buffer[7]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer,"GATWAV",6)) strcpy(gatpath,&buffer[7]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer, "TIME",4)) advance = atoi(&buffer[5]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer,"DELAYLIMIT",10)) delaytime = atoi(&buffer[11]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer,"INTLTIME",8)) intladvance = atoi(&buffer[9]);
20
         if (!strncmp(buffer,"DEADAIR",7)) strcpy(deadair,&buffer[8]);
         if (!strncmp(buffer,"GATWORD",7)) {
           strtok(buffer," ,;:");
```

```
p = strtok(NULL,",:;");
         strcpy(gatephrase,p);
          p = strtok(NULL, "in, ");
          if ((p != NULL) && (!strncmp(p,"EVERY",5)) ) {
               p = strtok(NULL,":");
5
               if (!strncmp(p,"FLIGHT",5)) gatefreq = 0;
                  else gatefreq = atoi(p);
          } else gatefreq = 1;
         }
        if (!strncmp(buffer,"TITLE",5)) {
          strtok(buffer," ,;:");
          p = strtok(NULL,",:;");
           strcpy(titlefile,p);
           p = strtok(NULL,"\n,");
           if ((p != NULL) && (!strncmp(p,"EVERY",5)) ) {
                p = strtok(NULL," :");
                if (!strncmp(p,"START",5)) titlefreq = 0;
                   else titlefreq = atoi(p);
20
           } else titlefreq = 25;
          }
```

```
if (!strncmp(buffer,"HEADER",6)) {
          strtok(buffer," ,;:");
          p = strtok(NULL," ,:;");
          strcpy(headerfile,p);
          p = strtok(NULL, "\n, ");
5
          if ((p != NULL) && (!strncmp(p,"EVERY",5)))
               p = strtok(NULL,":");
               if (!strncmp(p,"START",5)) headerfreq = 0;
                   else headerfreq = atoi(p);
 } else headerfreq = 3;
}
         }
        fclose(fp);
        soundline = strtok(soundline," ");
        do {
         if (soundline[0] = 'A') sscanf(&soundline[1],"%x",&sbport);
         if (soundline[0] == 'I') sbintr = atoi(&soundline[1]);
         if (soundline[0] == 'D') sbdma = atoi(&soundline[1]);
         } while (soundline = strtok(NULL," "));
20
         printf("Port = \%x, Int = \%d, DMA = \%d \n", sbport, sbintr, sbdma);
         if ((sbport = 0) || (sbintr = 0) || (sbdma = 0)) {
```

```
puts("SB Variables not set, program aborting");
       return -1;
       }
          *******
5
       if (intladvance == 0) intladvance = 120;
       if (advance == 0) advance = 120;
       if (delaytime == 0) delaytime = 10;
       return 0;
}
       void loadflights(void) {
       int fp1, end_window;
       if ( (fp1 = open(datafile,O_BINARY | O_RDONLY)) > 0) {
          loaded = 0;
          end window = 0;
          while (read(fp1,&workrec,sizeof(workrec)) &&
                (loaded < 72) \&\&
                (!end window || (loaded < 15))) {
                workrec.IsNonStop = 1;
20
                end window = installrec();
                if ((workrec.CityCode2[0] != 0x20) && (workrec.CityCode2[0])) {
```

```
workrec.IsNonStop = 0;
                 strcpy(workrec.CityCode1,workrec.CityCode2);
                 installrec();
                 }
5
               if ((workrec.CityCode3[0] != 0x20) && (workrec.CityCode3[0])){
                 strcpy(workrec.CityCode1,workrec.CityCode3);
                 installrec();
                 }
}
           close(fp1);
           loaded--;
           logwrite("Loaded Flights", "Quantity", loaded+1,0);
           printf("Loaded %d Flights\n",loaded+1);
           sortflights(arriv, loaded);
          }
        }
```

```
/* FILE Player.C */
      /* This file is just the call that says a single flight, after checking to be sure
       that the required WAV files are present */
       #include <stdio.h>
       #include <io.h>
       #include <fcntl.h>
       #include <stdlib.h>
       #include <string.h>
       #include <conio.h>
       #include <dos.h>
       #include <sys/stat.h>
       #include "sb.h"
       #include "winvista.h"
        extern char path[40];
        extern struct tagSIGN_INFO *arriv[350];
        struct _stat buf;
20
        char filename[75];
```

```
unsigned char ca;
      unsigned short ra;
      unsigned short la;
5
      unsigned char gstring[80];
      FILE *fp;
       unsigned int major;
       unsigned int minor;
       /*.WAV stuff */
       unsigned long rID;
       unsigned long rLen;
       unsigned long wID;
       unsigned long fID;
       unsigned long fLen;
       unsigned long fNext;
       unsigned short wFormatTag;
       unsigned short nChannels;
       unsigned long nSamplesPerSec;
20
       unsigned short nAvgBytesPerSec;
       unsigned long dID;
```

```
5
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```
unsigned long dLen;
       void logwrite(char *a, char *b, int res, int blk);
       void sayflight(int count) {
       char cityfile[75], gatefile[75];
       strcpy(cityfile,ctypath);
        strcat(cityfile,arriv[count]->CityCode1);
        strcat(cityfile,".wav");
        strcpy(gatefile,gatpath);
        strcat(gatefile,arriv[count]->Gate);
        strcat(gatefile,".wav");
        if ((titlefreq = 0) && (count = 0)) playwav(titlefile);
         else if (titlefreq != 0) {
           if ((count % titlefreq) == 0) playwav(titlefile);
20
          }
```

```
if ((headerfreq = 0) && (count = 0)) playwav(headerfile);
        else if (headerfreq != 0) {
          if ((count % headerfreq) == 0) playwav(headerfile);
         }
 5
        if (_stat(cityfile,&buf) ) {
        logwrite("MISSING WAV",cityfile,0,0);
        printf("No WAV file for %s\n",cityfile);
        return;
}
        if (_stat(gatefile,&buf)) {
        logwrite("MISSING WAV",gatefile,0,0);
        printf("No WAV file for %s\n",gatefile);
        return;
        }
        playwav(cityfile);
       if (gatefreq = 0) playwav(gatephrase);
        else if (gatefreq != 0) {
20
          if ((count % gatefreq) = 0) playwav(gatephrase);
         }
```

```
playwav(gatefile);
       }
       /* MASTER PROGRAM FILE: WAVE.C
       This file has the master initialization and program loop. It also contains
5
       some misc functions
                                   */
       #include <time.h>
       #include <sys\types.h>
       #include <sys\stat.h>
       #include <stdio.h>
       #include <io.h>
       #include <fcntl.h>
       #include <stdlib.h>
       #include <string.h>
       #include <conio.h>
       #include <dos.h>
       #include <nit.h>
20
       #include "sb.h"
       #include "winvista.h"
```

```
5
```

```
void wavplay_init(void);
       int playwav(char *filename);
       void sayflight(int count);
       int init_sb_stuff(void);
       int sb_close(void);
       unsigned long _far *watchstop;
       /* SIGN INFO *arriv[350]; */
        struct tagSIGN_INFO *arriv[350];
        struct tagSIGN_INFO workrec;
        typedef struct tagSIGN_INFO *ptRecords[];
        typedef struct tagSIGN_INFO *fidsrecord;
        int fp1;
        int nowtime, loaded;
        struct cities cty[500];
        char path[40];
        char statfile[45];
20
        char datafile[45];
        char flagfile[45];
```

```
char dataname[15];
        char flag[15];
        char ctypath[40];
        char gatpath[40];
5
        char titlefile[40];
        int titlefreq;
        char headerfile[40];
int headerfreq;
        char semaphore[40];
        char gatephrase[15];
        int gatefreq;
        char deadair[15];
        char badfile[15];
        char wavfile[15];
        int advance;
        int intladvance;
        int delaytime;
20
        int ctycnt;
        int saytime;
        char curtime[15];
```

```
15
```

```
char day_of_month[5];
       int currenthour, currentminute;
       unsigned int SYS_DATE;
5
       void getmem()
       {
       int fp, bytes read;
       int count, size needed, records_needed;
       struct cities city;
       size needed = sizeof(workrec);
       records needed = FLT_RECORDS;
       for (count = 0; count < records_needed; count++) {
          if ((arriv[count] = calloc(1, size needed)) == NULL) printf("No Mem: %d\n",count);
          }
       if ((fp = open("cities.tbl",O_RDONLY | O_BINARY)) > 0) {
       ctycnt = -1;
        do {
         bytes read = read(fp,&city,sizeof(city)); /* read count to bytes_read */
                                                      /* if read worked
                                                                                  */
         if (bytes_read) {
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                                       /* advance counter
           ctycnt++;
                                                                                     */
           memmove(&cty[ctycnt],&city,sizeof(city)); /* copy to memory
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}
                                                      /*
                                                           until end of file */
         } while (bytes_read);
        close(fp);
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         }
         printf("Loaded %d cities\n",ctycnt);
        }
       void attachcity(fidsrecord rec)
{
        int match, city_counter;
                                  /* if citys then get
        if (rec->CityCode1[0]) {
                                                                     LSpell
         match = 0;
         city_counter = -1;
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         do {
 city_counter++;
          if (!strcmp(rec->CityCode1,cty[city_counter].code)) match = 1;
         } while ((!match) && (city_counter <= ctycnt));</pre>
         if (match) {
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          strcpy(rec->LSpell1,cty[city_counter].big);
         }
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}
      }
      void logwrite(char *a, char *b, int res, int blk)
      {
      int fp;
       char name[15];
       char temp1[120];
       sprintf(name, "%s_%s.log", "tis", day_of_month);
       if (( fp = open(name,O_BINARY | O_RDWR | O_APPEND)) < 0)
        fp = open(name,O_BINARY | O_RDWR | O_CREAT | O_TRUNC, S_IREAD | S_IWRITE);
       if (fp > 0) {
         lseek(fp,0L,SEEK_END);
         sprintf(temp1,"\n\r[%s]@%s ",a,curtime);
         write(fp,temp1,strlen(temp1));
         sprintf(temp1,"<%s>",b);
          write(fp,temp1,strlen(temp1));
          sprintf(temp1,"<%d>",(res < 0)? res - 0xf000 : res);
          write(fp,temp1,strlen(temp1));
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         close(fp);
         return;
        } else {
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}

void logstart(void)

While this invention has been described and referenced to illustrative embodiments, the description is not intended to be construed in a limiting sense. Various modifications and combinations of illustrative embodiments as well as other embodiments and inventions will become apparent to those persons skilled in the art upon reference or description. It is, therefore, intended that the pendent claims encompass any such modifications or embodiments.

## What is Claimed is:

1. A digital signal conversion system for storing, retrieving, and converting real time digital signals to audio signals allowing for subsequent transmission and audio reception. Said system comprising:

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at least one airline computerized reservation system serving as digital source computer; at least one flight information file server communicably attached to the digital source computer;

at least one flight information database communicably attached to the flight information file server;

at least one data output means in communication with the digital source computer; at least one local airport LAN communicably attached to the flight information file server;

at least one signal conversion computer communicably attached to the local airport LAN; at least one signal conversion computer database communicably attached to the signal conversion computer;

an audio production capability in communication with the signal conversion computer;
a city code differentiation means in communication with the signal conversion computer;
an announcement generation means resident within the signal conversion computer;
at least one telephone circuit communicably attached to the signal conversion computer;
at least one airport location radio transmission LAN in communication with the telephone
circuit;

at least one equalizer communicably attached to airport location radio transmission LAN;

at least one airport location radio transmitter communicably attached to the equalizer;
at least one airport location radio antennae communicably attached to the airport location radio transmitter.

- 2. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the data output means is a printer.
- 3. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the data output means is a monitor.
- 4. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the audio production capability data is a personal computer audio plug.
- 5. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the city code differentiation means is a personal computer spelling disk.
- 6. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the telephone circuit is a dedicated line.
- 7. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the telephone circuit is a signal transmission capability within a vertical network.

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8. A computer readable memory containing a computer program for audible announcement generation comprising:

instructional means for retrieving flight information stored on the flight information database;

instructional means for storing retrieved flight information on the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for loading the signal conversion computer software configuration; instructional means for initializing the signal conversion computer airport location radio transmission LAN;

instructional means for retrieving flight information from the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for sorting retrieved flight information into a desired sequence; instructional means for articulating sequenced flight information; instructional means for articulating standardized opening messages; instructional means for determining an end program sequence termination request; instructional means for verifying active signal conversion status.

9. The computer readable memory for announcement generation comprising in accordance with Claim 8 wherein the instructional means for determining an end program sequence termination request further comprises the steps of:

instructional means for determining if the signal conversion computer ESC key has been depressed;

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instructional means for terminating signal conversion computer application program processing.

10. The computer readable memory for announcement generation comprising in accordance with Claim 8 wherein the instructional means for verifying active signal conversion status further comprises the steps of:

instructional means for determining if flight information is being received from the flight information file server;

instructional means for reinitializing the signal conversion computer if flight information is not being received from the flight information file server;

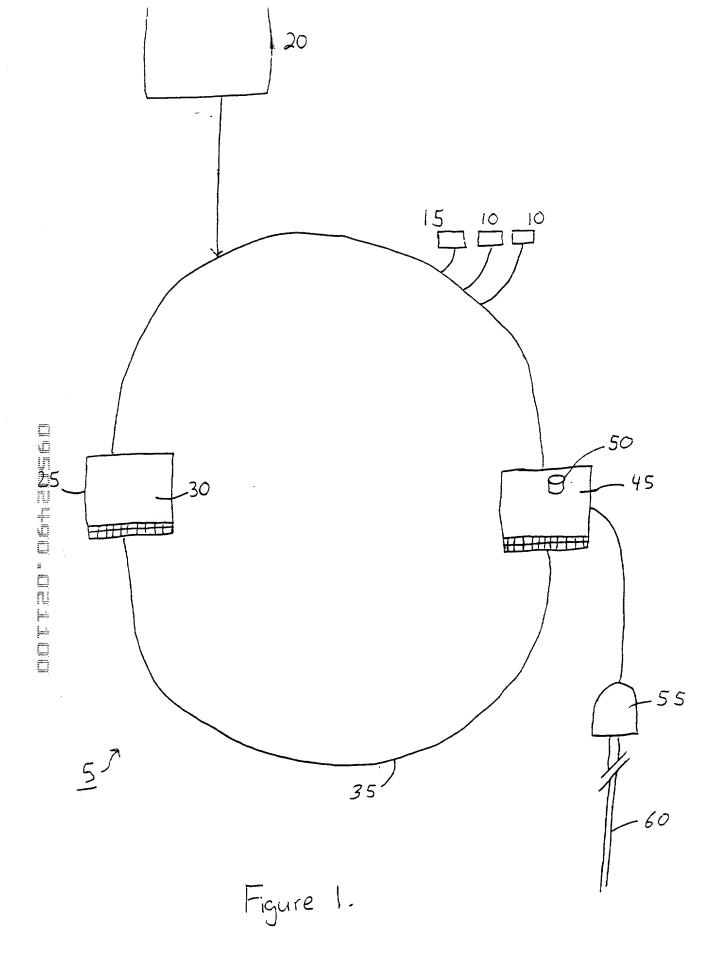
instructional means for retrieving flight information from the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for loading the signal conversion computer software configuration; instructional means for initializing the signal conversion computer airport location radio transmission LAN;

instructional means for playing standardized opening messages;

instructional means for retrieving flight information from the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for sorting retrieved flight information into a desired sequence; instructional means for articulating sequenced flight information; instructional means for determining an end program sequence termination request; instructional means for verifying active signal conversion status.



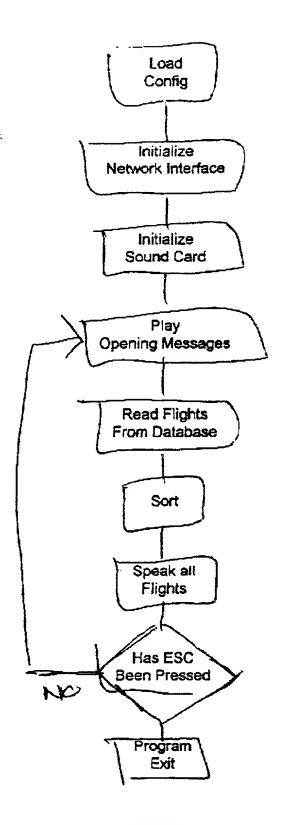


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